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Observer status for the Community of Democracies in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Observer status for the Community of Democracies in the General Assembly" was included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-third session of the General Assembly pursuant to Assembly decision 72/525.

2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2018, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 14th and 31st meetings, on 15 October and 1 November 2018. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.[1]

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 10 July 2015 from the Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/70/142).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/73/L.9

5. At the 14th meeting, on 15 October, the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, also on behalf of Estonia, Finland, Mongolia, Norway, Poland and Sweden, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Observer status for the Community of Democracies in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/73/L.9) and announced that Canada, the Netherlands and Romania had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Lithuania and Ukraine also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

[1] A/C.6/73/SR.14 and A/C.6/73/SR.31.

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6. At the 31st meeting, on 1 November, the Chair of the Committee announced that the Bureau had been informed that the delegation of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, on behalf of the sponsors, had requested that the Committee defer a decision on the request for observer status for the Community of Democracies in the General Assembly until the seventy-fourth session of the Assembly.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted a draft decision without a vote (see para. 8).

III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

8. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Observer status for the Community of Democracies in the General Assembly

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee, decides to defer a decision on the request for observer status for the Community of Democracies in the Assembly[1] until the seventy-fourth session of the Assembly.

[1] See A/70/142.